

COLLEGE POND (Plymouth)

General Information:

This 53-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 10 feet and a maximum depth of 24 feet. The bottom is composed primarily of rock and rubble, and vegetation is scant. Transparency is highly variable, ranging from as little as 4 feet to as much as 23 feet. There are two miles of shoreline on this pond, roughly 50% developed.

College Pond is located 2.1 miles from the intersection of Lower College Pond Road and Wayne Stiles Road, within the confines of Myles Standish State Forest. There is no formal access except a swimming beach and picnic area, so expect heavy usage by vacationers during the summer months.

This infertile pond was reclaimed in 1957. Like many ponds in this glacial outwash area, it is losing its buffering capacity and productivity to acid rain. It was treated with 19 tons of limestone in 1983 to counteract these effects.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled on September 12, 1995. White perch, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, yellow perch and banded killifish were reported. White perch dominated the pond. The smallmouth bass were small and in poor condition.

Fishing:

Fishing here can only be rated as poor. The smallmouth bass display poor growth rates and the white perch, which now dominate the pond, average about 9 inches. Productivity may have improved somewhat since the addition of buffering limestone in 1983, but due to the natural infertility of this pond, it is doubtful that it will ever be a big fish producer.

Other nearby ponds include Barrett, Fearings, Charge and Curlew.

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